

REMARKS

The Office Action of September 28, 2010 has been reviewed and the comments therein carefully considered. Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 23 and 25 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

This application has been amended to place it in condition for allowance. In particular, the limitation in allowable claim 23, which depended from claim 13, has been incorporated into claim 13. The limitation of allowable claim 25, which depended from claim 20, has been incorporated into claim 20. Claims 23 and 25 have been cancelled. Therefore, in view of the comments in the Office Action of September 28, 2010 regarding claims 23 and 25, it is believed that claims 13 and 20, as well as the claims which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited art of record and in condition for allowance.

Applicants additionally submit that the amendments to claims 13 and 20 address the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph by defining the concentration range of the peroxide and hypohalous acid to be between 200 and 2000 ppm, which is supported in the specification. (*See* page 3, lines 15-25 of the specification as filed.) Applicants additionally note that claims 23 and 25 were not rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph in the September 28, 2010 Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment as it places the application in condition for allowance.

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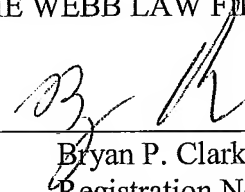
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and allowance of pending claims 13, 16-18, 20-22, 24 and 26-27 are respectfully requested. Should the need arise, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to discuss this application further.

Respectfully submitted,

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